

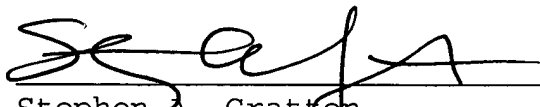
REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the "Amendments to the Claims" are being resubmitted. The resubmitted "Amendments to the Claims" contain the same "Listing of Claims" but with the addition of "Claims 1-51 (canceled)".

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 52-66 and 70-77 is respectfully requested. Should any issues arise that will advance this case to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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